

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling an electronic equipment for vehicles comprising:

detection means for detecting a commencement of a condition of use of a vehicle employing the electronic equipment for vehicles; [[and]]

control means for controlling operations of the electronic equipment for vehicles, wherein when the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle is detected by the detection means, said control means ~~causes~~ outputs a signal to cause the electronic equipment to be ~~placed~~ shift from a nonoperative condition to a standby-condition from which the electronic equipment can be ~~immediately~~ shifted into a normally operating condition[[.]]; and

pause control means included in said electronic equipment for receiving the signal output from the control means for placing the electronic equipment in a pause mode for a predetermined period of time before shifting from the standby-condition to the normally operating condition.

--2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is provided in a control unit which is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition for controlling operations of a motor-operated apparatus employed in the vehicle when the condition of use of the vehicle is commenced, and is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle by detecting a shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition.

--3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition by detecting starting voltage variations occurring in the control unit.

--4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

--7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

--8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means is operative to detect

the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle and detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking a door lock mechanism provided in the vehicle detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

--10. (Cancelled)